Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Public Water Supply Rules for First Notice

On May 12, 2022, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its public water supply rules for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. These amendments are part of a larger undertaking by the Board to update its rules across multiple media and subject areas. The proposal will remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and otherwise clarify the rules.

During this rulemaking, the Board held two public hearings and received testimony and public comment from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The first-notice amendments, which include changes proposed by IEPA, impact 9 of the 13 Parts of the Board's Subtitle F public water supply rules, *i.e.*, Parts 601 through 604, Part 611, and Parts 615 through 618 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. *Illinois Register* publication of the proposal will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board concerning the proposed amendments.

The rulemaking is captioned <u>Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle F: Public Water Supply</u>, docket R18-26. Here are links to (1) the Board's <u>first-notice opinion and order</u>, and (2) the Board's <u>addendum</u>, which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Vanessa Horton at <u>vanessa.horton@illinois.gov</u>.